HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Ruppel

A RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Metzger.

Whereas, Eighteen-year-old Matthew Metzger is the 2004-2005 Indiana FFA state president;

Whereas, As state president, Matthew will spend the coming year traveling the state promoting agricultural education and the FFA, speaking to more than 6,000 students and FFA supporters, presenting numerous workshops and conferences, and participating in good will tours;

Whereas, In addition to these duties, Matthew is responsible for developing relationships with leaders in government, education, business, and agriculture;

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Whereas, Matthew has been an active member of the FFA at the chapter, district, state, and national level for four years serving as chapter officer, district vice president, and district president;

Whereas, Matthew has attended the Washington Leadership Conference, the Advanced Leadership Development Conference, and the Made for Excellence Conference;

Whereas, Matthew has participated in career development events at all levels of the FFA, including the national level. He attended the Creed Speaking Career Development Event in which he earned a Silver Emblem ranking him among the top 16 in his event. At the state level, he attended Leadership Ambassador, job interview, and freshmen extemporaneous speaking events and contributed to the Parliamentary Procedures team advancing to state level twice and acting as the presiding officer;

Whereas, Matthew has been recognized locally with the Star Greenhand, Chapter Star in Agriculture Placement, Dekalb Leadership Awards, and received Gold Emblems for his accomplishments in the Meats Evaluation and Technology CDE and the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE where he individually ranked seventh and eighth respectively;

Whereas, After serving the Indiana FFA and its members, Matthew plans to attend Bethel College majoring in Christian Ministries; upon graduation Matthew plans to use his education and FFA experiences to launch a proactive career and make positive differences in the lives of others: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates Matthew Metzger on his selection as the 2004-2005 Indiana FFA state president and wishes him success at Bethel College.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to Matthew Metzger, his parents David and Beth Metzger, and his brother Cory Metzger.

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